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Burroughs Illustrator, J. Allen St. John, Dead

by Forrest J Ackerman

Los Angeles, 31 May, (CNS) - Yes, Edgar Rice Burroughs has been dead for quite a few years, now. But J. Allen St. John the unique artist who fleshed the mighty thews of John Carter, Warlord of Barsom -- and Tarzan, too, King of the Apes -- St. John, the man so intimately associated with the works of Burroughs, died on Thursday night, that night traditionally of sf meetings in London, Los Angeles and Australia, the 23rd of May. I believe he was in his 80s and was active up to the time of his death. Weird Tales and Other Worlds, among magazines, knew his brush and pen; Amazing Stories and Fantastic Adventures. The June-July '51 Other Worlds carried an excellent article on him by Darrell C. Richardson. A sad salute goodbye to a man who for me, and many more I'm sure, gave a third dimension to the sense of wonder thru his wonderful drawings.

DON'T BELIEVE IT!

Rumors floating around that such mags, as Venture, Saturn, Space S F, Super SF etc., have folded and/or will soon fold because of American News Co. giving up magazine distributing are wholly false. We have checked on all of them and they are still with us, with issues coming out shortly, as of June 7. -eds

15th World S-F Convention News

INFORMALITY WILL BE TRADEMARK OF LONDON CON

by H. Ken Bulmer

London, 19 May, (CNS) - The Guest of Honor is still undecided. The programme items are being handled by the Liverpool crowd and they are still in the process of developing them. The usual fancy dress ball, auction, etc.- The sessions will open with a lucheon, on Saturday, September 7th, instead of the usual and unpopular banquet*. Principal speakers? Well, we're working on a number of people, it depends, too, on just who comes from the US and who will be in London during that period. But this and the programme in the view - of the committee will be flexible right up till the con time. We have no wish - to run one of the rigid programme-conscious cons which break down in farce and chaos. If a thing is going to be put on, then it will go on. We've had too much experience of cons to fall in - to any of the old traps. And we figure that people will travel 3,000 miles to talk to friends and letter-acquaintance over here in comfort rather than sit on wooden seats and be talked at by

*Banquets are not unpopular, their prices (\$7.10 at the last Con) usually are! -the editors

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some so-called notable who has nothing to say. We want only quality speakers.

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There will be an auction and material is being built up. However, it has been our experience over the past few years that auctions are now on the way out and only tradition keeps them in unless material of exceptional merit is available. Auctioneer is still to be decided.

The London Con is holding a draw for free hotel accomodation. Bed, breakfast and entrance charges will be paid the winner of the WSFS draw. All members may buy one or more tickets at 30¢ each or 4 for \$1. Applications, must arrive not later than July 14, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Clarke, 7, Inchmery Road, Catford, London, S.E.6. England. Draw will take place at the Globe Tavern on July 20, 1957.

Display tables will be set up in one or other of the lounges and we anticipate having wardens or suchlike to check them over. Tables would be, I'd judge about the usual 2'-6" by about 3' size, but, as in all cons, last minute changes will be bound to occur.

H. Beam Piper is now in Paris and is bringing his wife to the con.

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SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES BOOK REVIEWS

by James Blish

'21st CENTURY SUB, by Frank Herbert. Avon Books, 1956. 190 pp., paperback, 35¢.

This, of course, is the excellent novel which ran serially in aSF as "Under Pressure", and later appeared from Doubleday in hard covers as "The Dragon in the Sea". Herbert is without doubt the most exciting sleeper in s-f since Alfie Bester's recrudescence; both men had appeared in the magazines before, but both made their marks with their first novels, of a quality which nobody could have expected from their previous records.

Herbert combines a remarkably convincing ability to imagine technical detail with a broad knowledge of psychiatry, philosophy, religion and human emotions; and although he has yet to show himself as a plotter -- the plot of this novel being so slight that it might not have carried a short story in the hands of another writer -- he handles suspense with a sure hand. He also has a sharp ear for dialogue and knows how to use it as an adjunct to characterization.

With all that equipment, how could he miss? Anyhow, he didn't miss; this is a first class s-f novel; don't miss it.

BRIEFLY NOTED: I can't review the books listed below, for obvious reasons, but I don't think my publishers will weep if I call your attention to them. They are:

THE SEEDLING STARS, by James Blish. Gnome Press, 1957. 185 pp., hardbound, \$3.

THE FROZEN YEAR, by James Blish. Ballantine Books, 1957. Paperback; 155 pp., 35¢; hardbound, 192 pp., \$2.75. The hardbound edition has more pages because the book was reset; in the process, a sizable number of typos which had crept into the paperback edition were corrected.

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SAUCER ISSUE OF "AMAZING" DELAYED DUE TO LACK OF SUITABLE MATERIAL

TAURASI'S S-F CLUBS LISTING WILL APPEAR
IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

New York, 3 June, (CNS) - The special all "Flying Saucer" issue of Amazing Stories has been delayed until the October 1957 issue because Paul Fairman could not get together the material he wanted for the original date, September 1957. He announced today that he has obtained two authors for the issue already. They are Ray Palmer and Richard Shaver.

Because of the delaying of the Flying Saucer issue one month, it forced a change of plans for the list of numerous science-fiction clubs collected by SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES' editor, James V. Taurasi, Sr. Since Taurasi refuses to recognize the Flying Saucer issue as a science-fiction magazine, he requested that his list of Science-Fiction Clubs be presented either in the September or November issues of Amazing Stories, and thus the listing will appear in the September 1957 issue.

STATE OF FANDOM

by SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES' Reporters

"LITTLE MEN" TO SUPPORT LOS ANGELES FOR '58 WORLD S F CONVENTION BID AT LONDON

by Rog Phillips

At the regular meeting, Friday Feb. 15, the Little Men, Ben Stark Pres., unanimously voted to endorse Los Angeles for the 1958 World Science Fiction Convention, and to support the Los Angeles (South Gate in '58!) bid in London.

There were several reasons for doing this, the most important one being that it puts fandom on the west coast unanimously behind the Los Angeles bid,

enabling them to plan now, and have an extra seven months to get the '58 convention rolling.

The action came about as the result of an informal meeting of the club at Ben Stark's in January, with Tony Boucher officiating, and Marilyn Tulley (who put in the bid for this area last September in New York) attending, in which the pros and cons of going after the convention for Berkeley (the Oakland-Berkeley-San Francisco area) were discussed. At that meeting it was unanimously agreed that (a) since this area had the last west coast convention it was only fair that Los Angeles should have its turn now, and (b) we should get solidly behind Los Angeles by going on record for "South Gate in '58". The Action at the regular meeting on Friday Feb. 15 was to place that decision in the form of a formal resolution.

THE ANNUAL MIDWESTCON

The 8th Annual Midwestcon is being held June 29 & 30, 1957 at NORTH PLAZA MOTEL 7911 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Reservations are in already and we will have attendees from Seattle & San Francisco this year. -Donald E. Ford

THE OKLACON V

The 5th Annual regional Science Fiction Convention in Oklahoma will be held over the Labor day weekend this year. Walter Bowart and Knet Corey are co-chairmen. The con secretary is Shirley Smith. The convention site is the Youngblood Hotel in Enid, Oklahoma. Convention dues are \$1.00 sent to OKLACON V, Box 64, Enid, Oklahoma. The 1st Progress Report is already out.

CLIFTON CAPTURES CROWD

Los Angeles, 31 May, (CNS) - 31 fans at the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Socy last nite agreed that author Mark Clifton, Hugo-winner for "They'd Rather Be Right", made the Memorial Day meeting (#1031) a memorable one with his dynamic hour long dissection of sci-fi trends, pinpointing the field's foibles and flashes of genius from the days

30 years ago and more of sugar-coated scientales in Science & Invention to modern science-coated westerns. Today he characterized as a time of triviata, but predicted that a Golden Age of s-f would come again when authors and editors realized that 1., Thinking can be fun; 2., to think is not immoral; 3., heroes of sci-fi yarns should be thoughtful men; and 4., the problems of s-f stories should be solved by brainwaves and not brawn waves. To paraphrase; the mind is mightier than the fist. Clifton credited "Doc Smith with launching men out into immensity; Weinbaum with introducing the genial alien; Campbell with crystalizing the "thinking is not immoral" thought; van Vogt with bringing a philosophical bent to s-f; and Heinlein with engineering the engineering angle into the genre. An encore was called for and a promise extracted that Clifton would repeat substantially the same speech for the benefit of a larger audience at the forthcoming 4-5-6-7 July Westercon #10, to be held in Hollywood under the auspices of the Chesley Donavan Socy, assisted by LASFS, with a Bonestell art display, personal appearance of Geo Pal, play by Arthur C. Clarke, revival of DESTINATION MOON, and many other goodies.

ACKERMAN HONORED AT 1957 LASFS FANQUET

Altho the annual "Fanquet" sponsored each year by the LASFS to honor the member who makes the best first break into the pro field for the year, was cancelled because no member broke into the pro field the past year, Forrest J Ackerman was honored at a banquet. This was suggested by Len J. Moffett because Forry was responsible for selling the products of those past honorary guests.

The Ackerbanquet was held at TAIX French Restaurant. Among those present were: A. E. van Vogt, Kriss Neville, Helen M. Urban, Eveleyn Page Gold, Rick Sneary, Len J. Moffett, Eph Koinisberg, Fred Shroyer, Mrs. Bela Lugosi and many others.

-George W. Fields

SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

VENTURE SCIENCE FICTION, Sept., '57:
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FUTURE SCIENCE FICTION, #33 will be out the end of June with a Freas cover illustrating Tom Scortia's "Cat of Nine Tales", a short story. Feature novelet will be "Mar's Trail" by Theodore Thomas, Asimov will do a parody feature, and Bob Olsen will be present with an article, "Wanted A Definition-For Science Fiction", plus the regular departments.

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SECTION TWO

SCOTLAND

NEBULA Goes Monthly

by Michael Corper

Wembley, England, 12 May, (CNS) - I have just heard from editor Hamilton, of Nebula Science Fiction. He tells me that, in response to requests by readers and trade, they are adopting a monthly schedule starting with Nebula S F No. 21, out later this month. Hamilton feels that a monthly will be more regularly bought by casual members of the public than a bi-monthly edition. The changeover to a monthly schedule was somewhat delayed, says Hamilton, in order to accumulate a sufficient reserve of good quality material for future numbers.

Nebula Science Fiction #20 contains a full length s-f adventure novel by F. G. Rayer, "Beacon Green", as well as "Man Of Imagination" by E. C. Tubb; "Better Than We Know" (a new short story by Wm. F. Temple), plus two further shorts by D. M. Schneider and John Ashcroft. Apart from the usual departments, there is a longer than usual letter section and the first of a new series of scientific articles, illustrated by drawings and photos. This one discusses the latest discoveries regarding Mars subsequent to its recent close approach to Earth last year, and incorporates two new photos of the planet and a map showing canals.

Nebula Science Fiction No. 21, out (concluded on page 6, column 1)

ENGLAND

CARNELL "MOST
HAPPY FELLA"

by Michael Corper

Wembley, England, (CNS) - Editor Carnell of NOVA Publications has a big smile on his face these days, since things have been going well with New Worlds and Science-Fantasy - very much so. There is more than a hint of his first foreign language editions of both mags coming up in the near future.

His recent serial policy has also been paying off well for some British authors. Ted Tubb's "Star Ship", e.g., appeared as an Ace pocketbook last December under the new title, "The Space-Born"; it has also been bought for French and Italian translations, and will probably be in German this year.

Lan Wright's "Who Speaks Of Conquest?" has just appeared in an Ace Double, and has also been sold to France. A new version of James White's "Tourist Planet" will be appearing in Ace shortly.

Further cause for satisfaction is the fact that the Ted Tubb series of Martian stories, that appeared in New Worlds two years ago, were published in England by T. V. Boardman under the title "Alien Dust", and has just appeared under the Avalon imprint in New

York, later to go into pocket book edition.

Nova is again represented in Dell's "Best S.F." for 1956, with J. G. Ballard's whimsical fantasy "Prima Belladonna" (from Science-Fantasy #20). (Last year it was a Tubb story, also from Science-Fantasy.)

And, Carnell hints that many more items will be popping up in the near future.

NEBULA GOES MONTHLY

(concluded from page 5, column 1)

in May, will have a short novelette by E. F. Russell; a long story, "Treason" by John Brunner; "A l l The World's Tears" by Brian W. Aldiss, as well as other as yet unselected material. This ish will also have the second in the photo-feature series plus an outstanding innovation in one of the regular columns, as yet on the secret list, and the results of the 1956 Nebula Authors Award Poll.

Nebula Science Fiction, No. 22 is to have "The Thoughtless Island" (H. Philip Stratford); "Pompey's Planet" (E. R. James), "Murder In Reverse" (a time story by new author Stuart Allen); "A Date To Remember" (Wm. F. Temple); and other features.

Nebula No. 23 will include "Against Goliath" (Wm. F. Temple); "Lethe Lend" (H. Philip Stratford); and short stories by Brian A. Aldiss and Philip E. High. This number will be published in July. No. 22 will appear in June. All the usual features will appear in the new monthly issues as before.

At the moment, the first issue of Nebula Science Fiction's companion magazine, AMERICAN SCIENCE FICTION is unscheduled.

BRITISH REPRINTS

by Michael Corper

Astounding Science Fiction, BRE, April 1957, contains "Falso Prophet" (R. Randall); "2066: Election Day" (M. Shaara)

"Look At My Works" (Budrys); "T o Be Continued" (Silverberg); conclusion of serial "The Naked Sun" (Asimov); plus departments. The cover is by van Dongen, who does some of the interior illos also, other interiors by Freas.

Astounding Science Fiction, BRE, May 1957, brings us "Get Out Of My Sky" (Blish) (Part one of two parts); "Nuisance Value" (E. F. Russell); "Security Risk" (Anderson); "For The First Time" (Cottrell); "T h e Education Of Icky" (Correy); an article by Whitton, "Micro-Macro and King Size", and departments. The cover is by van Dongen, and the interiors by him, and Freas.

Galaxy Science Fiction, BRE, #49, brought out by Thorpe & Porter, Ltd. of Oadby, Leicester, contains "My Lady-Greensleeves" (Fred Pohl); "Advance Agent" (Chr. Anvil); "I a m A Nucleus" (Barr); "The Martyr" (Sheckley); a Willy Ley scientific item, and departments. Cover is by Jack Coggins showing "A Transshipment In Space", and interior illos by Gaughan, Ray and Finlay.

Galaxy Science Fiction, BRE, #50, contains "The Ignoble Savages" (E. E. Smith); "An Eye For A What?" (Knight); "Survival Type" (Bone); "The Other Celia" (Sturgeon); "T h e Deep One" (Ruzic); Willy Ley's science department, and usual features. The cover is by Kirberger, shows "The Jungle Claims Its Own"; and interior illos, are by Dillon, Kirberger and Gaughan.

MEXICO

by I. L. Jacobs

(In our last issue we listed the contents of "Enigmas", the Mexican science-fiction magazine that reprints from most of the US Standard s-f magazines. We conclude the contents herewith, up to-date.

-eds)

#14 - (no date)

MURDER B Y TELEPATHY (novel) by Leigh Brackett (illo Orban), INTERPLANETARY FRAUD by R. J. McGregor (illo Schom-

burg), ATOMIC CARGO by Harry Stine, WORLD OF EUTHANASIA by Miriam Allen de Ford, SCIENCE CAN WAIT by Ray Cummings, THE FISHING IS EXCELLENT by Robert Sheckley, SOLUTION by Stanley Whiteside, THE ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL article by Willy Ley, and FOUR CENTURIES OF PLANETS article by R. S. Richardson.

#15 is scheduled to publish STAR LANDING by Murray Leinster, INVIOLEATE by K. F. Crossen, ROUND TRIP TICKET IN TIME by Phillip Dick, and BURIAL ON THE MOON by Oliver Saari, plus others.

(This brings the listings up to date. Future listings of the Mexican SF magazines by I. L. Jacobs in future SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES. -eds)

AUSTRALIA

(In Two Parts - Part One)

by Roger Dard

Here is the complete listing of Australia's AMERICAN SCIENCE FICTION. The cover (and lead) story appears in Block letters, the titles in () indicate the remainder of the stories in the issue, if any. Each issue contained a colored cover illustrating the lead story. There weren't any interior illustrations and the issues were not dated or numbered.

1. RED DEATH OF MARS by Robert Moore Williams, ("The Plants" by Murray Leinster).
2. CONQUEST OF THE STARS by Murray Leinster.
3. THE MAN WHO SOLD THE MOON by Heinlein.
4. THE SOLDADO ANT by Will F. Jenkins, ("Private Eye" by Kuttner, "Mouse" by Frederick Brown).
5. THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD by John W. Campbell, Jr.
6. DEATH OF THE MOON by Alexander M. Philips, ("Hermit of Saturn's Ring" by Neil R. Jones, "A Logic Named Joe" by Leinster, "The Fourth-Dimensional Demonstrator" by Will F. Jenkins).
7. THE UNKNOWN by Murray Leinster.
8. CLASH BY NIGHT by Lawrence O'Donnell.

BRITISH

NOVA PUBS MOVE

by Michael Corper

Wembley, England; 7 June, (CNS) - Nova Publications, Ltd., publishers of New Worlds and Science-Fantasy, are moving to a new address, away from convenient Arundel Street near London's Strand to: MacLaren House; 131, Great Suffolk St., London, S.E.1., England, south of the River Thames. Their new telephone number, in case future American visitors are interested, will be HOP 5712. They will be there as from July 1st, 1957.

9. THE MONSTER by Nelson Bond, ("The Ring", "The Enchanted Pencil", "The Mask of Medusa" all by Bond).
10. REFUGE FOR TONIGHT by Robert Moore Williams, ("Locked Out" by H. B. Fyfe, "Schedule" by Harry Walton).
11. ADVENTURE IN TIME by Philip St. John ("Survival of the Fittest" by Gene L. Henderson).
12. FIRES OF FOREVER by Chad Oliver; ("Reaching For the Moon" by S. A. Lombino, "The Way Back" by Margaret St. Clair).
13. MOONWALK by H. B. Fyfe, ("Hero's Walk" by Judith Merrill, "Fool's Errand" by Lester del Rey).
14. MOON-BLIND by Erik Van Lhin, ("The Fence" by Clifford D. Simak, "Recognition" by Thomas C. Pace).
15. THE DEAD WORLD by Clare Winger Harris and Miles J. Breuer, M. D.; ("My Nephew Norvell" by Nelson Bond, "The Belt" by Wallace West).
16. DEAD KNOWLEDGE by John W. Campbell, Jr., ("Men of the Ten Books" by Jack Vance, "The Rats" by Arthur Porges).
17. ELIMINATION by John W. Campbell, Jr. ("Frictional Losses" by Campbell, Jr. "The Altruist" by Morton Klass).
18. DANGER MOON by James MacCreigh.
19. VEILED KNOWLEDGE by Edwin James, ("No More Pencils" by Joquel Kennedy).
20. THE INVADERS by Robert Spencer Carr; ("Dwellers In Silence" by Bráddbury, "Flaw" by John D. MacDonald).

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London - John W. Campbell, Jr., has been chosen U.S. Guest Of Honor at the 15th World Con. Most Likely British Guest Of Honor - Sam Youd (John Christopher).

New York City - DREAM WORLD has been "indefinitely delayed". Paul Fairman says it's to give the new distributors of the Ziff-Davis mags a chance to stabilize operations under the new heavy load. This has been the only casualty of the ANC affair so far.

(Details in our next issue)

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